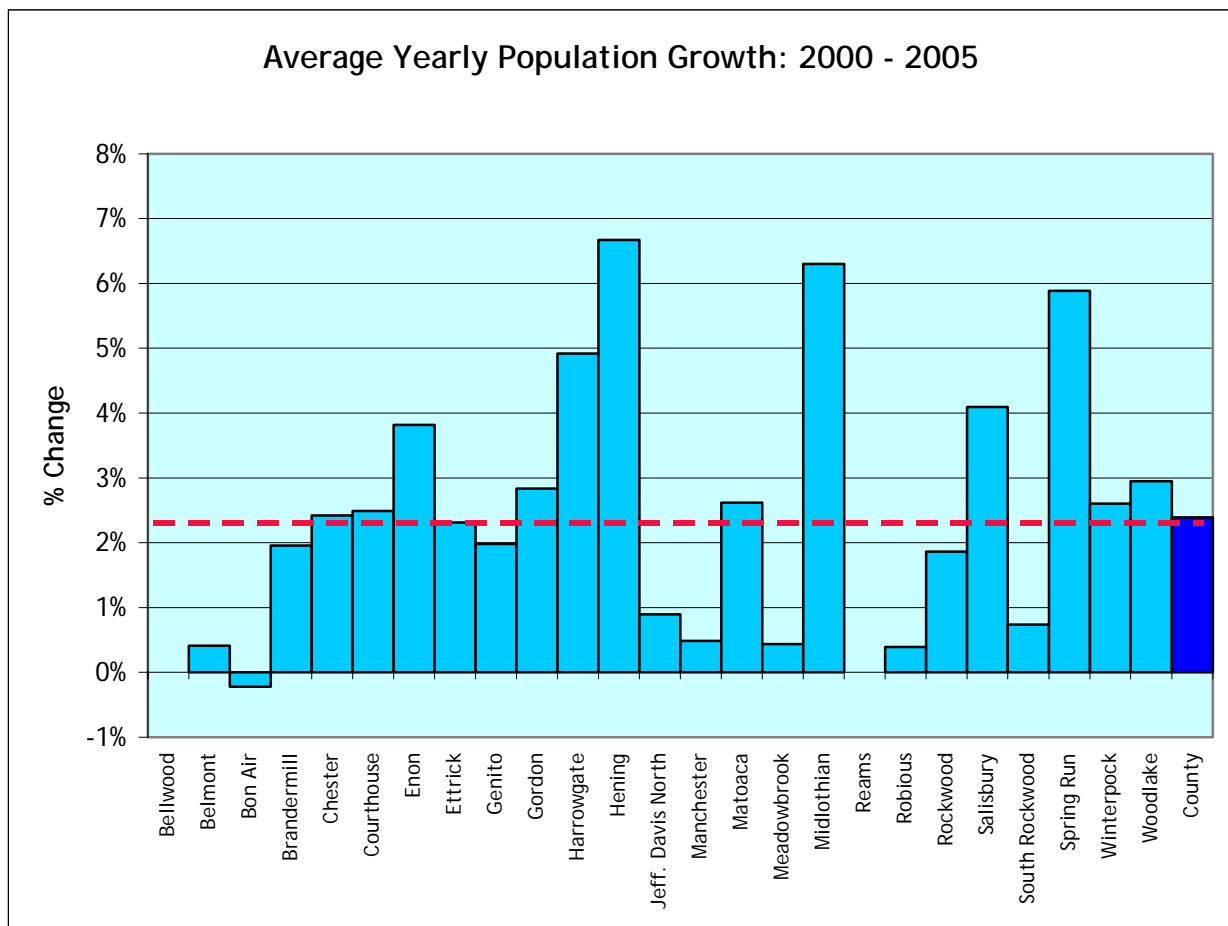


Population Growth

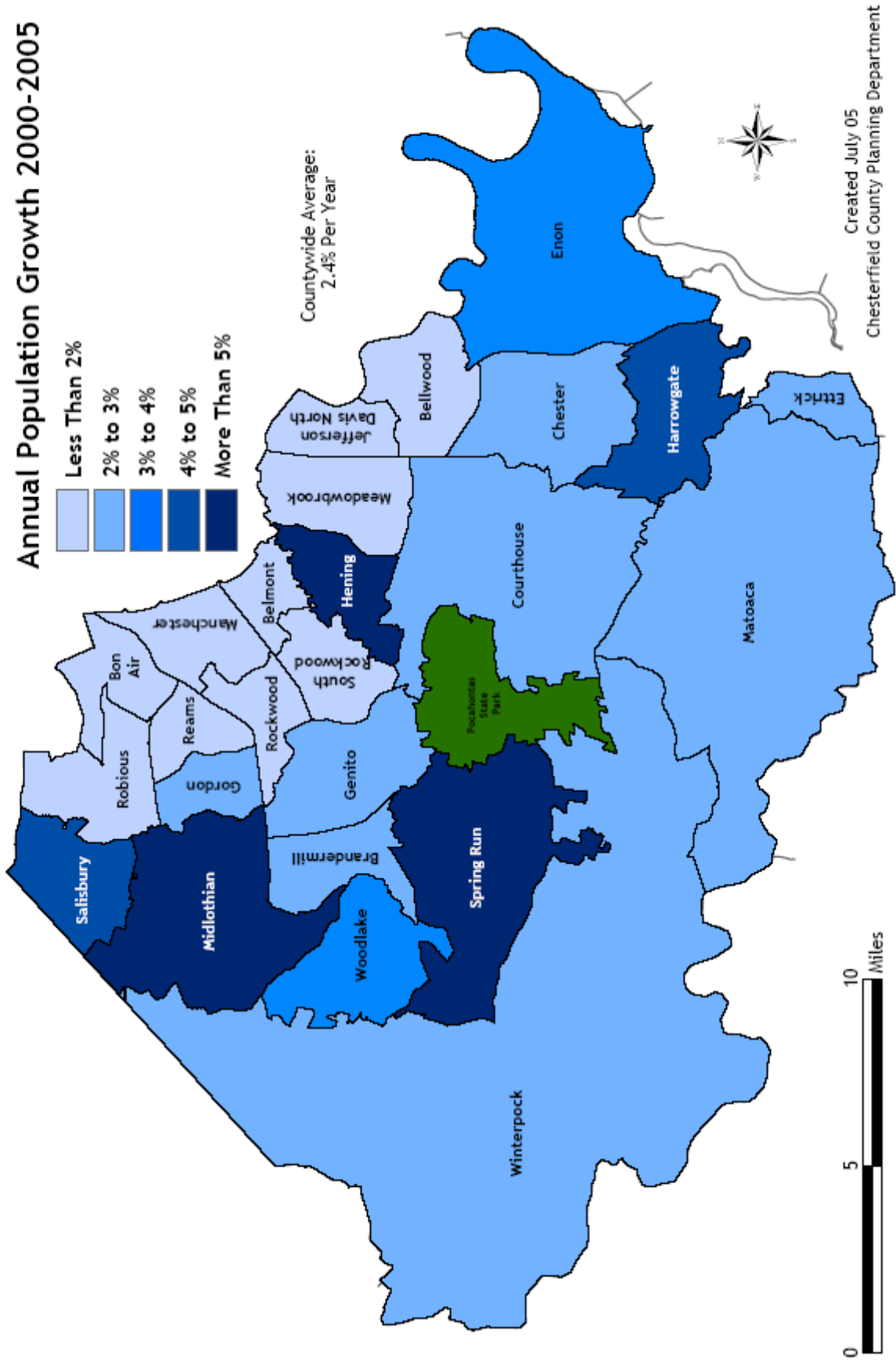
POPULATION TRENDS

County population increased from 258,600 to 291,000 between 2000 and 2005. This growth rate averaged around two percent per year, or an average of 6,480 persons per year. Population growth since 2000 has been especially strong in Henning, Midlothian and Spring Run. The Bon Air community had a population decline, and Bellwood and Reams communities neither grew nor declined.

Population trends do not necessarily indicate community vitality. Some areas are built out and others have much more vacant land, so there will be wide differences in community growth trends. However, growth trends can provide valuable insight about the rate of community change. Fast-growing communities will often have rapidly increasing assessments and instability due to changing demographics and land use. Residents of newer areas may also share concerns about the availability and adequacy of public facilities, such as schools and roads, and the adequacy of businesses to provide needed services.



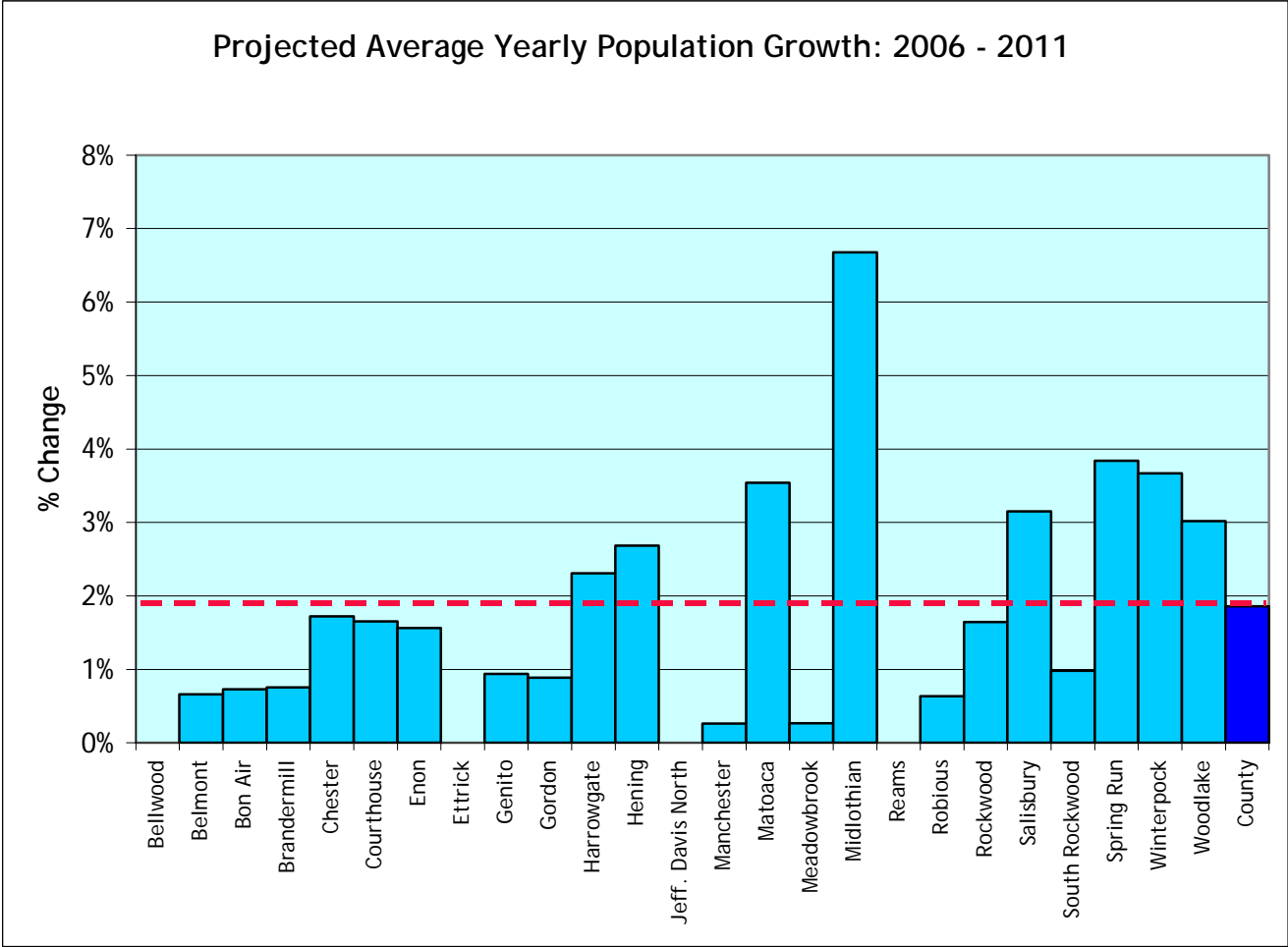
Annual Population Growth: 2000 - 2005



POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Where will we grow? The county estimates that growth rates throughout the county will be slightly lower during the next five years, with approximately 6,800 new residents added per year – an average increase of about two percent per year. While the county’s growth rate continues to decline, the projected population increase will be greater in numbers than the previous five years, due to the county’s larger size. Projected rapid growth community include Midlothian followed by high-growth communities Matoaca, Spring Run and Winterpock.

Projected slow-growth communities include Bellwood, Ettrick, Jefferson Davis North, and Reams.



Projected Annual Population Growth: 2006-2011

